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## CALIFORNIA STATE AUDITOR ANNOUNCES INFORMATION PAGE FOR THE 2020 CITIZENS REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

ShapeCaliforniasFuture.auditor.ca.gov provides essential information about the opportunity to apply for the 2020 Commission

**Sacramento, Calif. (March 20, 2019)** – Today, the California State Auditor launched the Shape California's Future informational webpage, ShapeCaliforniasFuture.auditor.ca.gov, for the public, community organizations, and stakeholders to provide information about the application and selection process for the 2020 Citizens Redistricting Commission.

The new webpage houses general information, timelines for the application and selection process, regulations, contact information and allows interested parties to sign up for information and updates about the process. Top Questions, Fact Sheets and other documents are available to download. The Top Questions and Fact Sheet documents are available in English, Spanish, Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese and Tagalog.

"ShapeCaliforniasFuture.auditor.ca.gov is the place to go for any and all information about the application and selection of the 2020 Citizens Redistricting Commission," said Elaine M. Howle, California State Auditor. "I encourage all Californians to visit this site regularly as we will continually be adding information and updates. We know prospective applicants and interested parties have lots of questions, and this is the place to get answers quickly."

The webpage also includes a video and summary of the 2020 Citizens Redistricting Commission Selection Process Town Hall, held March 1, where the California State Auditor and outreach consultants shared initial outreach and solicited feedback for Shape California's Future outreach campaign. Nearly 100 in-person and virtual representatives from a diverse group of community organizations participated.





As the application period approaches, ShapeCaliforniasFuture.auditor.ca.gov will be regularly updated with new information. Once the initial application period begins on June 10, 2019, ShapeCaliforniasFuture.auditor.ca.gov is the site where interested parties can begin the application process.

## **About the Citizens Redistricting Commission**

Every 10 years, after the federal census, California must redraw the boundaries of its Congressional, State Senate, State Assembly and State Board of Equalization districts to reflect the new population data. In 2008, California voters passed the Voters First Act authorizing the creation of an independent commission comprised of 14 members, including five Democrats, five Republicans and four who are either Decline-to-State or registered with another party. The commission is responsible for drawing the lines of each district. The open application period for new commission members begins June 10, 2019 and will run through August 9, 2019.

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